576. SHORT NOTICE QUESTION BY Mr. A. NESAMONY.

M. PRESIDENT: Order, order.

Mr. A. Nesamony has sent a letter to me as President to direct the Prime Minister to answer a short notice question which reads as follows:—

"1. Whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister is aware of the news published in the 'Malayala Manorama' dated 3rd August 1948, that a leaflet was circulated among the members of the Legisla tive Assembly by Mr. A. J. John, the President, that 'Bharathi' has been deprived of all press privileges in this House.

2. Was any such leaflet printed and circulated;

3. Has the President taken such action as stated in the 'Malayala Manorama';

4. Has any disciplinary action been taken by the President against 'Bharathi'"

1. The first objection to this procedure is that the question ought to have been addressed to the Secretary under Rule 10. There is no provision in the Legislative Assembly rules to address a question to the President.

2. A question, if it is addressed to a Minister, must satisfy the conditions mentioned in Rule 12; that is to say, it must relate to the public affairs with which he is officially connected or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible. This question does not satisfy these requirements.

3. With regard to the question, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has stated that he has no information about it. Since the question refers to the President, I may say for the information of the House that such a news was published in the 'Manorama' as stated in the question. The news is not correct. The President has not circulated any leaflet either on the 3rd August or before that date.

4. A pamphlet named "The Penal Jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly" published by Advocate Mr. K. K. Mathew was allowed to be circulated among the members of the House on the 5th August.

5. Since the newspaper called 'Bharathi' has not withdrawn the false and unfounded allegation made against the President, in pursuance of the direction given by the President in this House, the President has ordered on the 27th July 1948 not to issue Press ticket to that paper until further orders. (Standing Order No. 28. Admission of Press Representatives.)

WRITTEN ANSWERS.

മുഖാന്തരചോദ്യം ലിഖിതമായി ഉത്തരം.

577. Mr. N. P. VARGHISE: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹു: ഇറിഗേഷൻ വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സഭയെ മറുപടിനൽകുമോ?

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